

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraph at page 14, line 23 as follows:

--Fig. 15(A) shows a weave structure of a woven fabric of the present invention; Fig. 15(B) shows an explanatory cross-sectional view of the woven fabric along a line A-A as shown in Fig. 15(A).--

Please insert the following paragraphs at page 39, after line 27:

--Fig. 15(A) shows a weave structure of an embodiment of the woven fabric of the present invention, and Fig. 15(B) shows an explanatory cross-sectional view of the woven fabric, as shown in Fig. 15(A), along the line A-A intersecting obliquely both the warp and weft directions of the woven fabric.

Referring to Fig. 15(A), a woven fabric 30 is formed from a plurality of warp yarn groups $W_{(2)}$ and a plurality of warp yarn group $W_{(1+2)}$ alternately arranged with each other and a plurality of weft yarn groups $F_{(2)}$ and a plurality of weft yarn groups $F_{(1+2)}$ alternately arranged with each other. Each of the warp yarn group $W_{(2)}$ and $W_{(1+2)}$ and the weft yarn group $F_{(2)}$ and $F_{(1+2)}$ consists of a plurality of individual yarns arranged in parallel to each other. The individual yarns of the warp yarn groups $W_{(1+2)}$ and the weft yarn group $F_{(1+2)}$ consist of composite or paralleled yarns each formed from yarns (1) having a high water-absorbing and self-elongating property and yarns (2) having a low water-absorbing and self-elongating property.

Also, the individual yarns of the warp yarn group $W_{(2)}$ and the weft yarn group $F_{(2)}$ each consist solely of a yarn (2) having a low water-absorbing and self-elongating property.

The individual warp yarns of the warp yarn groups $W_{(2)}$ and $W_{(1+2)}$ intersect the individual weft yarns of the weft yarn groups $F_{(2)}$ and $F_{(1+2)}$, to form the woven fabric 30. In the resultant woven fabric 30, a plurality of regions 35 are formed from the warp yarns $W_{(1+2)}$ and the weft yarns $F_{(1+2)}$ intersecting each other, and arranged separately from each

other in the warp and weft directions in the form of islands in a sea. Referring to Fig. 15(A), in a plurality of regions 36, the warp yarns W_m intersect the weft yarns $F_{(1+2)}$; in a plurality of regions 37, the warp yarns $W_{(1+2)}$ intersect the weft yarns $F_{(2)}$; and in a plurality of regions 38, the warp yarns $W_{(2)}$ intersect the weft yarns $F_{(2)}$.

When the woven fabric 30 is wetted with water, as shown in Fig. 15(B), the yarns (1) in both the warp and weft yarn groups $W_{(1+2)}$ and $F_{(1+2)}$ located in the regions 35 absorb water and elongate, whereby the regions 35 bulge outside from the upper and/or lower surfaces of the woven fabric to form a plurality of convexities separated from each other in the warp and weft directions.

Fig. 16(A) shows an explanatory cross-sectional view of another embodiment of the knitted fabric of the present invention having a three ply knitting structure and being in the dry state, and Fig. 16(B) shows an explanatory cross-sectional view of the knitted fabric as shown in Fig. 16(A) in the water-wetted condition.

Referring to Fig. 16(A), a dry knitted fabric 40 has a triply knitted structure comprising a cylinder side knitted layer 41, a dial side knitted layer 42 and an intermediate knitted layer 43 arranged between the abovementioned cylinder and dial side knitted layers 41 and 42. Either one of the intermediate knitted layer 43 and the cylinder side knitted layer 41 are tucked from the other, and either one of the intermediate knitted layer 43 and the dial side knitted layer 42 are tucked from the other. No tucking structure is shown in Fig. 16(A). In the triply knitted structure, the intermediate knitted layer 43 is formed solely of the yarns (2) having a low water-absorbing, self-elongating property, and in the cylinder side and dial side knitted layers 41 and 42, regions 41a and 42a are formed from the yarns (2) having a low water-absorbing, self-elongating property and regions 41b and 42b are formed from composite yarns formed from the yarns (1) having a high water-absorbing, self-elongating property and the yarns (2) having a low water-absorbing, self-elongating property. In the cylinder side knitted layer 41, the regions 41a and 41b are arranged alternately with each other, and in the dial side knitted layer 42, the regions 42a and 42b are arranged alternately with each other, in course direction and/or wale direction.

When the knitted fabric 40 is wetted with water, in the cylinder and dial side knitted layers 41 and 42, the yarns (2) in the regions 41b and 42b absorb water and elongate to bulge the regions 41b and 42b outwardly, as shown in Fig. 16(B).--